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## VIA ECF

The Honorable Loretta A. Preska Chief Judge **United States District Court** Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street, Courtroom 12A New York, NY 10007

Re:

Patricia Cohen v. Steven Cohen, Case No. 09 Civ. 10230 (LAP)

Dear Chief Judge Preska:

Since August 20, 2013, the undersigned attorney and this Firm have served as one of the counsel for Plaintiff, Patricia Cohen, in the above-referenced civil action. See, e.g., Dkt. No. 90 (Notice of Appearance).

As the Court is aware, on April 28, 2014, Gerald B. Lefcourt, Esq. and other members of his firm filed Notices of Appearance for Ms. Cohen. See, e.g., Dkt. No. 116 et seg. It is understood that the purpose of such Notices of Appearance is to substitute Mr. Lefcourt and his colleagues for me and Joshua L. Dratel, Esq., as counsel for Ms. Cohen. See Dkt. No. 120.

This letter concerns the status conference scheduled by Your Honor for Tuesday, May 13, at 10:00 a.m. See Dkt. No. 119. Given the above-references Notices of Appearance recently filed by Mr. Lefcourt and his colleagues, I respectfully request that (1) this Court enter an Order relieving me as counsel for Ms. Cohen, and (2) excuse me from the status conference scheduled for Tuesday, May 13. I note that earlier today, Your Honor granted similar relief to Mr. Dratel in response to his letter dated May 2, 2014. See Dkt. No. 121.

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I have spoken to Sheryl E. Reich, Esq., of Mr. Lefcourt's firm, and she has no objection to our being relieved and my being excused from the status conference on Tuesday, May 13.

We thank Your Honor for your attention to this matter, and we trust that our requests will be received with favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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